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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER
RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Cameroon: draft resolution

Special emergency economic assistance to the Comoros

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Comoros,

Taking note of the fact that, on 28 September 1995, an army of
international mercenaries invaded the Comoros, overthrew the President of the
Republic, disrupted the constitutional order and, in so doing, the State
institutions, as well as the political, economic and social order of the
country,

Taking note of the economic and social trauma caused by that invasion and
the material and structural damage suffered by the country during those events,

Aware of the efforts made by the Government and people of the Comoros to
assist the most affected and deprived sectors of the population,

Considering in particular the fact that, in order to respond to those
urgent humanitarian needs, the Government of the Comoros, in the absence of
other resources, had to reallocate as a matter of great urgency a major part of
the budget required for the functioning of the State and the financial resources
normally devoted to vital economic and social programmes,

Noting that the unfavourable situation of the Comoros, which is on the list
of least developed countries, is aggravated by several important factors,
including its physical distance from its trading partners, the scarcity of



natural resources, the diminutive size of the domestic market, the fall in prices of its export products and the poverty of its soil,

Noting also the insufficiency of means available to the Government to execute programmes of reconstruction and development essential for the survival of the nation,

1. Appeals to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, to provide, in consultation with the Government of the Comoros, assistance to the Comoros in repairing the damage caused by the act of aggression;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish to the Comoros all necessary assistance for the purposes of the implementation of paragraph 1 of the present resolution;
3. Requests the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend generous financial, material and technical assistance to the Comoros in order to enable it to accomplish its economic and social recovery;
4. Urgently appeals to all international finance organizations, bodies and institutions to provide the Comoros with urgent and substantial aid in the form of grants and flexible loans, in order to rectify the harmful effects of the severe budgetary crisis;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to dispatch to Moroni as soon as possible a multidisciplinary technical assessment mission in order to carry out a detailed study of the needs of the country in terms of assistance;
6. Requests the community of donor countries and bodies, as well as the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations, to grant bilateral and multilateral aid to the Comoros in accordance with its needs, in order to enable it to resolve its grave economic, social and financial difficulties;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.
